



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2852

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: S. Brase
Takeshi Yasumoto, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 09/978,213)
: Filed: October 17, 2001)
: For: Driving Force)
: Transmission)
: Mechanism, Image)
: Forming Apparatus)
: Equipped With Such A)
: Mechanism, and)
: Process Unit Of Such)
: An Apparatus)

August 4, 2003
(Monday)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated April 2, 2003 for one month from July 2, 2003 to Monday, August 4, 2003.

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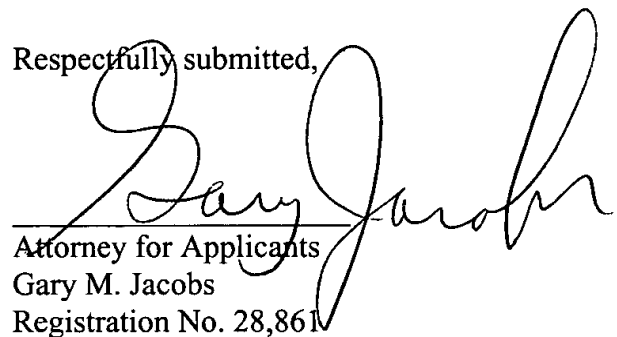
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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